

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Secretary Shaw in New York on Pleasure Bent—Dividends to Creditors of Insolvent Banks—Work of the Coast and Geodetic Survey—Surgeon General Wyman Returning From Pacific Coast.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Secretary Shaw is in New York on a holiday trip with his son and daughter. His private secretary, Mr. Armstrong, says the Secretary has not gone for any official business. Mr. Shaw is expected to return to the Treasury Department tomorrow.

Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent banks as follows: A final dividend of 11 per cent in favor of the creditors of the Merchants' National Bank of Helena, Mont., making in all 66 per cent on claims proved amounting to \$923,353.70.

A final dividend of 7 per cent in favor of the creditors of the Globe National Bank of Boston, Mass., making in all 100 per cent of principal and interest in full to December 15, 1902, in claims proved amounting to \$2,671,318.42.

W. W. Brown, auditor for the Navy Department, is spending the holidays at his home in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. McKitterick, wife of the deputy auditor of the Treasury, is reported to be convalescing rapidly. She has been ill for some time with typhoid fever at Sibley Hospital.

W. T. L. Scott, who has been ill for the last ten days, has returned to his work. He was one of the many East Tennesseeans loyal to the Union during the civil war, and served in a Union cavalry regiment.

During the month of December crews of the Life Saving Service went to the aid of fifty-one vessels of various kinds stranded on the coast. This is a remarkable record for so short a time, and in consideration of the fact that there are cases of assistance given which are not yet reported.

Gordon Gatch, son of E. S. Gatch, chief of the division of reports in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, is spending the holidays in this city with his father. He is a member of the class of '96 at Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn.

PATENT OFFICE.

Commissioner F. I. Allen returned to this city yesterday from Auburn, N. Y., where he spent the Christmas holidays. The Commissioner, besides being occupied on his annual report, will give attention to the appeal cases that have accumulated in his recent absence.

Commissioner Allen made public today a decision prohibiting the registration of a trade-mark, that not only affects the one manufacturing company in this case, but perhaps many others in this country. It appears a certain company made application for the registration of the trade-mark "Roosevelt Rose" for certain named grocers' specialties. This application was denied by Edwin L. Chapman, examiner in charge of trademarks, and an appeal was then made to the Commissioner. Commissioner Allen decided that "where it appears that the word 'Rose' alone has been used as a trade-mark; held, that the words 'Roosevelt Rose' will be refused registration, because they involve the use of the President's name." Also "It is against public policy for this office to lend its sanction to the use of the President's name by granting registration therefor as a trade-mark without his express consent."

The Commissioner furthermore states that "it is well settled, that a 'living celebrity' is entitled to protection from the use of his name for purposes of trade by others." * * * And this is especially true in the case of the name of the President of the United States."

This decision is considered a very important one, and is said to be the first of its kind.

From the room of John W. Babson, chief of the issue and "Gazette" division, were issued today 670 patents, 56 trade-marks, 21 labels, 7 designs, 5 prints, and one release. This makes a total of 760 in all. This is the greatest number ever issued by the office in its history.

Commissioner Allen will say in his annual report to be issued on or about January 10, that 27,136 patents were granted during the year, 640 designs, 110 releases, 2,006 trade-marks, 767 labels, and 153 prints. The decided decrease of the number of designs is on account of the act of May 9, 1902, restricting designs to "ornamental" articles.

In the "Official Gazette" of today is printed the Transvaal patent and trademark laws. They are "proclamations by his excellency the administrator," and are the first patent and trademark regulations of that country announced by Great Britain.

Foreign countries still continue to reap patents from the Patent Office, this week to the extent of 163. Thirty-one went to Germany, 18 to England, 17 to Canada, 9 to France, 5 to Switzerland, 4 to Austria-Hungary, 4 each to Victoria, Sweden, and Scotland, 2 each to New South Wales and Belgium, and one each to Mexico, Italy, Egypt, Denmark, Chile, and Russia. Trade-marks were granted to Scotland, Germany, and France.

BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

There has been a phenomenal activity among the manufacturers of this country during the last eleven months. The value of manufacturers' materials imported into the United States in this time amounted to \$407,603,593, against \$353,417,288 in the corresponding months of last year. Manufactures exported during the eleven months of 1902 amount to \$377,695,961, as against \$362,385,151 in the same time last year.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

W. B. Kilpatrick, formerly private secretary to Vice President Gannon, of the Southern Railroad, has been appointed stenographer to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling. Mr. Kilpatrick, who is from New York, takes the place formerly held by Thomas Grant, who resigned recently to become stenographer to Senator R. A. Alger of Michigan. Capt. Fred Alger, the Senator's son, is private secretary to his father.

The navy, as well as the army, is clamoring for a more rigid and complicated organization than that now existing. The idea in each case calls for the establishment of a general staff, and upon this proposition, Rear Admiral Taylor, of the Bureau of Navigation, expresses his views as follows:

"The bureau invites the attention of the department to the serious defects inherent in the present system for administering the personnel of the navy."

"To remedy these defects and bring the fleet generally to a high point of discipline and training, there is needed a larger control over the personnel and the organization of the fleet than can be effectively maintained by a single bureau."

"Under the direction of the Secretary the Bureau of Navigation is required to administer the affairs of the fleet in preparation for war; to arrange for its organization and mobilization, and for the maneuvers of our own fleet and to study of those of foreign squadrons; to plan for combined operations with the army; to make, study, and develop war plans; to organize the reserves of men and ships; to direct the War College and office of Naval Intelligence; to arrange for the complements and details of officers and men, the training of officers, and to execute all plans of campaign. These are the bare outlines of its duties; the details are of too varied a character to be properly administered with the limited authority now vested in the bureau."

"These duties, necessary to an efficient administration of the fleet, should be grouped in natural subdivisions, with responsible heads working in harmony under a single chief."

"To insure this larger control and closer responsibility the methods of a general staff are desirable. Efforts have been made since 1893 to develop such methods, but without legislation by Congress. Up to the present moment a marked success has attended this development, and today we see the Bureau of Navigation, general board, office of Naval Intelligence, War College, and board of inspection and survey drawing steadily closer together as component parts of a general staff."

"We can, however, go no further without Congressional legislation which shall establish a general staff with the control necessary to administer more effectively the affairs of the fleet. There is needed a general staff and a chief of the general staff, who, by direction of the Secretary, shall be responsible for the personnel and the efficiency of the fleet in commission; who shall, in fact, direct, under the Secretary, the military affairs of the fleet and be responsible to him for its condition. A complete plan is prepared, which will require only legislative recognition of the existence of a chief of general staff and the several sections necessary to carry out the various details."

"Without such an organization, the power to establish thorough reforms will be lacking."

LAND OFFICE.

Gen. John V. Wright, law clerk, was formerly chief justice of the supreme court of Tennessee, a member of Congress from the same State, and a candidate for governor. When running for the last-named billet, he received the first vote of Josiah H. Dortch, at present chief of the division of education in the Indian office. These two gentlemen have offices only a few feet from each other, and are still fast friends.

MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE.

Surgeon General Wyman is on his way back to this city from the Pacific Coast. He has planned two stops, one at Los Angeles and one at Port Stanton, where the Government tuberculosis sanitarium is situated. It is expected the Surgeon General will reach this city the latter part of this week.

DELAY IN MOVING THE PRINTING OFFICE

Work of Getting Out Congress Papers Prevents Change Being Made Before March.

Brigadier General Gillespie, Chief of Engineers of the Army, has decided that it will be impracticable to move the Government Printing Office into its new building before Congress adjourns in March. The original intention was to make the move about January 1, or during the present holidays, but it has been found that owing to the great amount of work necessitated by the session of Congress it would be unwise to move the machinery and other equipment of the Printing Office until there is much less work. The change from the old to the new building will, unless something unforeseen occurs, take place about the middle of March next.

GREETING TO CANADA.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—The governor general has received a private telegram from the President of the United States conveying his best wishes for the new year to himself and Lady Minto, and expressing earnest hope for the welfare and prosperity of Canada.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Francis B. Heitman, chief of a division of the Adjutant General's Office, is ill at his home with a severe attack of la grippe. Mr. Heitman has been a War Department clerk for about forty years and is personally known to a large majority of the older commissioned officers of the army. He is the author of the "Historical Register of the Army," for the publication of which a bill is now pending in Congress.

The "Army Register" for 1903 is now in the hands of the Public Printer, and will be ready for distribution about January 15. There are few innovations in the forthcoming "Register."

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne returned to Washington from New York today.

Morris L. Homer has been appointed postmaster of the Ashland postoffice, Baltimore county, Md.

Appointments in Virginia were as follows: G. W. Wells, Brossville, Pittsylvania county.

Charles Potteson, Cherrydale, Alexandria county.

Mathias A. Keen, Hanger, Buchanan county.

A fraud order has been issued against the Rigle company, Waterbury, Conn., by Assistant Attorney General Tyler. The company sold the "Dandy stainer" for 25 cents, and agreed to pay \$4 a week to purchasers of the stainer for copying letters.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Gustav Friebus, chief of the draftsman's division, and his assistants, James F. Denison and Albert O. von Herbulis, have recently had the finest Indian school in the country, built from plans executed in their office. This school, the Sherman Institution, Riverside, Cal., is a non-reservation place of learning. It is a very handsome and large structure, and is situated in a lot of twenty acres. Messrs. Friebus, Denison, and von Herbulis have made plans for over 300 Indian schools in this country. They also construct plans for waterways and everything else needed in Indian villages under the care of the Government.

Miss Minnie S. Cook, chief of the miscellaneous division, has held her present position since July, 1875, and has been employed in the Indian office since 1873. Miss Cook comes in constant touch with the different Indians that come East, and has a particularly agreeable way of treating them.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

A meeting of Section E of the Society of American Scientists was held in the United States Geological Survey building yesterday afternoon. Prof. W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, presided, and several papers on geological subjects were read. The meeting was an impromptu affair.

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

The steamer Bache, now fitting for a cruise at New York, will sail for Porto Rico in the first or second week in January under the command of Assistant P. A. Welker. The Bache will operate about the western end of the island. A launch party under the command of Assistant Parker will go with the Bache and will complete the hydrography in the southwestern part of the island.

The Blake, now at Baltimore, will sail for Porto Rican waters in the course of the next ten days, under the command of Assistant R. L. Fayer. She will operate on the eastern coast of the island.

The steamer Hydrographer, now at Norfolk, after completing some experiments with a new sounding device and harbor sweep, will proceed to Key West and take up a survey of those waters to develop possible new clearances and anchorages.

Assistant French has returned from Gulf Port, Miss., where he has located the new wharf and dredged channel which, it is expected, will be completed to a depth of nineteen feet by the 1st of April.

Assistant Edwin French has been detailed to make a magnetic survey of Louisiana in connection with the State geological survey. He will leave this city the 1st of January.

WOMAN MAKES PIN CUSHION OF COAL MAN

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 30.—George O. Stevens, president of the Consumers' Coal Company, was attacked by Mrs. James Scott, a colored woman, yesterday afternoon and seriously stabbed with a hatpin, because a hundred pounds of coal had not been delivered promptly. The woman berated Mr. Stevens, whom she found in his office, and became angered by his refusal to return the price, which she alleges she paid, until she was identified.

Mrs. Scott grabbed him by the throat and plunged the hatpin into his face and head. She blackened his eyes as well. Some colored boys, seeing the affray, sprang into the place to help the woman, but Mr. Stevens was soon master of the situation. His wounds were quickly dressed and a warrant was sworn out before Justice Huff for the woman's arrest.

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NEGRO ACADEMY WILL ADJOURN THIS EVENING

How Two Days' Session Has Been Spent.

FADUMA ON RACE DEFECTS

Born in Africa, He Is a Graduate of Yale University—Today's Exercises.

The sixth annual meeting of the American Negro Academy, a body of prominent colored men, numbering thirty members, will end its exercises this evening at Lincoln Memorial Temple, Eleventh and R Streets, after a two days' session.

The forenoon session yesterday was devoted entirely to routine business. The Rev. Thomas P. Harper spoke on the "Contemporary Evolution of the Negro." Mr. Harper told of the prospects of the negro as he found the situation in East Africa, the West Indies, and South America.

Last evening W. E. B. Du Bois, of Atlanta University, delivered the president's address. It gave an interesting account of the rise of the negro race. President Du Bois is a native of Great Barrington, Mass., and is a graduate of Fisk and Harvard universities, holding a Ph. D. degree from the latter.

This morning at 10 o'clock the first address was delivered by Orishatukeh Faduma, a native of Africa. Mr. Faduma spoke of "The Defects of the Negro Church."

After pursuing advanced university studies in London, Faduma came to this country and graduated from Yale University. He is now stationed at Troy, N. C. The next address was that of William H. Ferris, of Tower Hall Institute, Wakefield, R. I., a graduate of Harvard.

Mr. Ferris gave "An Historical and Psychological Account of the Genesis and Development of the Negro's Religion." This was divided into six topics: First, "What Do We Mean by Religion?" second, "Race Psychology in Its Development of Religion;" third, "Is There Anything That Psychologically Differentiates the Negro from Other Races;" fourth, "The Religion of the Native African;" fifth, "What There Was in the Environment of the American Negro Which Caused His Religious Development to Take the Form It Did," and sixth, "Post Bellum Influences."

Tonight Chaplain F. G. Stewart of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, will speak on "The Demand for Higher Training in the Ministry."

The academy today re-elected its present officers. They are W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, president; Prof. Kelly Miller, Rev. J. Albert Johnson of Baltimore; W. H. Crozman, and Rev. Matthew Anderson, vice presidents; F. J. Grimké, treasurer; J. W. Cromwell, corresponding secretary; W. B. Hayson, recording secretary; and Kelly Miller, Rev. F. J. Grimké, J. W. Cromwell, John L. Love, and W. B. Hayson, executive committee.

PRETTY CHILD-PATIENT CLUNG TO HER DOLLIE

Operated Upon by Dr. Lorenz, She Begged for Santa Claus' Gift.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Pretty four-year-old Marion McDonald, who was brought by her parents all the way from Buffalo to be treated by Dr. Adolf Lorenz for congenital dislocation of the hip, was operated on yesterday by him at Dr. H. W. Carter's private hospital, 148 East Thirty-fifth Street.

Just before ether was administered little Marion begged for her doll baby, which she had received from good Santa Claus, and which she had not allowed to be taken from her arms since her arrival in the city.

"I want my dollie," pleaded the child. "Please, doctor, let me hold my dollie. Santa gave her to me, and she loves me."

So, while the preparations were made, Marion lay contentedly on the table with her dollie clasped in her arms, and did not relax her hold until the ether had rendered her unconscious. Then the doctors tenderly removed the flower-haired doll, dressed so prettily in white lace, with real shoes and hat, and laid it aside.

Dr. Lorenz was not a little affected by the incident. But with a few wrenches of his magic hands the bone clicked into place, and the operation was declared successful. Little Marion, immediately upon opening her eyes, looked around the room. Her mother bent over her with tearful, though thankful eyes.

"Are you feeling better?" she asked. "I want my dollie, mamma," lisped the thin white lips; and the little girl smiled as her doll was once more restored to her embrace.

This is the only case Dr. Lorenz has had from Buffalo, and the people of that city are greatly interested in the outcome.

NATIONAL UNION OFFICERS.

At a recent meeting of McKinley Council, No. 992, National Union, the following persons were chosen officers to serve for the ensuing year: President, Jesse B. K. Lee; vice president, John C. Rinehart; ex-president, W. W. Chase; speaker, Thomas B. Lear; secretary, R. J. Jones (re-elected); financial secretary, William G. Betts; treasurer, Charles G. Robinson (re-elected); chaplain, John T. Burdine (re-elected); usher, George W. Slater (re-elected); sergeant-at-arms, Kirk Few; doorkeeper, William E. Penke (re-elected); delegates to the cabinet, M. A. Lynch and W. W. Chase; trustees, M. A. Lynch, William C. Nicholson and Samuel Elder.

NO WINNIE DAVIS TABLET FOR PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Petty Criticism Causes Project to Be Abandoned by Originators.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Be-

cause of the petty criticism provoked by the proposition to erect in the Baptist Temple, Broad and Berks Streets, a tablet as a memorial to Miss Winnie Davis, "daughter of the Confederacy," the scheme has fallen through. The proposition, which at one time threatened the disruption of the big uptown congregation, originated with two Southern women, and was apparently favored by the more conservative element in the church, and had progressed so far that \$500 had been subscribed to the fund.

Discord arose, however, through the criticism of outsiders, who consider themselves patriots, and the Rev. Russell H. Conwell found it necessary to call for a congregational meeting to act on the disturbing proposition. The meeting was held in the Temple last night and was brief and "devoid of fireworks," according to Dr. Conwell, who presided. There was, in fact, no discussion whatever. Dr. Conwell simply read the following report presented by the title committee, which was adopted without a dissenting voice:

"The title committee reports that the ladies who asked for space for a tablet in the Temple to the memory of Miss Winnie Davis have withdrawn their request, owing to the unjust criticism of their motives by persons outside the church, and the committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions, viz: 'That the request of the Christian ladies to withdraw their offer to insert a tablet to the memory of Miss Winnie Davis in the decorations on the walls of the Temple be granted, but that the title committee be instructed distinctly that no such application to insert a title or tablet to the memory of any respectable man or woman shall ever be declined for political, parental, or social reasons, nor because of the locality in which the deceased may have been born or dwelt.'"

The title committee consists of Mrs. A. H. Henderson, chairman; Mrs. George B. Simons, Mrs. Robert Ricketts, Mrs. Harry John, Mrs. M. L. Stone, Mrs. William Craig, and Mrs. Hiram D. Miller. Of the many members of the congregation present all seemed satisfied with the disposition made of the matter. There was, however, some comment on the rather sharp language in which the resolution was couched.

TRADE OF THE OLD-TIME BUTCHER NOW A MEMORY

The trade of the old-time butcher seems to have developed into the profession of the retail meat man of today. Just as the old-time method of going to a dry goods store and buying needed goods has brought forth the professional shopper.

Consumers of meat today wonder why prices are so much higher than years ago when they used to go to the butcher shop and carry home ten or fifteen pounds of meat wrapped in a piece of brown paper, with half of the purchase peeping out from under cover. They do not note the fact that their small purchase of today is carefully wrapped in a fine grade of silk fiber paper and then placed in a paper bag.

All these must be paid for, consequently the price of meat continues going skyward. The care given the curing of meat today is more expensive than the old method used, and this adds to the retail price. The average buyer of today also insists on having his purchase delivered and the cost of this is added to the retail price.

"Are the prices of meat today higher than last summer when Western wholesale prices were pushed up?" was asked several dealers this morning by a Times reporter.

"They are not," was the answer of every one. "We have standard prices through the whole year, and vary but little. Wholesale prices were put up last summer, and for a time retail prices were advanced. Later, when the wholesale price was reduced, the retail price went down to normal."

At that moment a woman stepped up to a stand in Center Market and asked the price of sausage. "Ten cents a pound," the retailer answered. "I will take a pound, please, sir," the woman replied. "Will you kindly put it in one of those wooden dishes and place another over the top of it," she added. "Oh, yes, wrap it up and place it in a sack for me."

The retailer obeyed her instructions and handed the woman the small purchase.

"There you are," said the retailer, turning to the reporter. "That woman

bought a pound of sausage for ten cents. She wanted it placed in wooden dishes which cost a cent apiece wholesale. Then she wanted it wrapped in a piece of paper which costs four cents a pound, and asked to place the package in a paper bag that costs 25 cents a hundred wholesale. It's a wonder she did not want me to deliver it to her home out in Mount Pleasant."

Another retailer told the reporter that 80 per cent of the meat retailed is sold at a profit of a cent a pound, while the other 20 per cent is sold at higher prices to make a reasonable living profit on the sale.

"People wonder why prices fluctuate a cent or two," he added. "They do not think that cuts of beef and prices vary slightly with the grade. All meat is not the same condition when placed on the market stands and that causes the change in prices."

"What is your advice to meat buyers?" was asked.

"Well, if a person wants to buy advantageously, he must buy in quantities sufficient to get a shade better price than the small buyer. He must not expect the retailer to wrap it in silk, tie it with gold strings and deliver it in Baltimore or some other city."

CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED

BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Announcement of the following changes in the freight traffic representatives of the Southern Railway, to take effect January 1, has been made:

J. R. Mock, commercial agent, Columbus, Ga.; C. E. Bell, commercial agent, Augusta, Ga.; vice M. B. Hutchinson, resigned to accept service with another line; C. A. Emerson, commercial agent, Savannah, Ga.; W. A. Turner, traveling freight agent, Augusta, Ga.; T. R. Barlow, traveling freight agent, Columbus, Ga.; Ernest Schauble, traveling freight agent, Chicago, Ill.; M. B. Henry, traveling freight agent, Jacksonville, Fla.; S. C. Black, commercial agent, Mobile, Ala.; J. D. Dowling, traveling freight agent, Dallas, Tex.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF BAPTIST CHURCHES

Committees Named and Reports Received.

MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

Plans Under Way to Relieve Maryland Avenue Church From Debt.

At the second meeting of the new executive board of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches, which was held last night in Calvary Church, the committees for the year were named and reports from several fields were made. Percy S. Foster, chairman of the board, presided. The committees named are: Hyattsville—C. G. Lynch, chairman; S. P. Keller, W. F. Holtzman, R. A. Ford, and C. A. Muddiman.

Hynesboro—D. C. Fountain, chairman; J. R. Bradley, Levi Meredith, H. I. Stout, and F. A. Roderick.

Maryland Avenue—J. H. Robinson, chairman; J. O. Roberts, E. Hilton Jackson, Samuel Howison, and B. A. Henderson.

Mount Tabor—A. L. Swartwout, chairman; A. H. Soper, G. T. Jones, C. H. Eitz, and A. C. Whitney.

New Fields—S. H. Greene, chairman; J. J. Muir, C. F. Wiegner, C. C. Meador, and G. S. Williams.

Press-R. R. West, chairman; G. E. Truett, and James W. Many.

Appointment—J. H. Robinson, chairman; G. Bowman, Thomas W. Binger, H. I. Stout, W. G. Southwick, J. O. Roberts, H. C. Johnson, C. G. Lynch, W. A. Harrison, W. F. Holtzman, T. Bray, M. E. Jones, and A. H. Soper.

Payment of debt on Maryland Avenue Chapel—W. S. Shallenberger, chairman; E. G. Quackenbush, W. D. Hall, S. Howison, A. C. Whitney, C. A. Muddiman, W. Hatton, B. A. Henderson, G. E. Truett, C. H. Eitz, D. C. Fountain, E. Hilton Jackson, Charles E. Vroman, R. R. Haynes, James Hayden, F. A. Roderick.

Upon reports from Hyattsville and Maryland Avenue, the board voted \$300 to aid the churches in each of those places.

The executive board also undertook to raise \$2,500 to pay off the mortgage debt on Maryland Avenue Chapel. The method of raising this money was left to the committees.

When the Maryland Avenue Chapel mortgage is paid in full, as it will be by the \$2,500 appropriated for that purpose, all the Baptist churches in the District will be free of debt. The members of the board, which includes one member of each of the sixteen Baptist churches in the District, expressed great hope of the work to be done this coming year and several new fields were discussed.

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